



From your local Lib Dem team: Cllr Ruth Dombey, Cllr Steve Penneck and Cllr Marlene Heron

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Latest news about proposed new secondary school



Many residents will be aware that the Council refused the planning application for a new secondary school in Rosehill Park on the grounds of poor design including classrooms without windows. The developer appealed this decision and the government took the unprecedented step to make the final decision.

The Secretary of State agreed with the Council about the poor design of the building but overturned the Council's refusal on the

grounds of the need for more secondary school places.

Since then your ward councillors have been questioning if the need for more school places is still the same. While there has been high demand for school places in Sutton in the past, primary school rolls are now beginning to fall across London including in our area and Sutton secondary schools are concerned that a new school could affect their numbers. We asked Council officers to work with our local schools to understand how the situation is changing.

The secondary schools have now proposed that the additional places needed in the borough can be met via the expansion of some existing schools (but not Greenshaw) and this proposal was discussed at the meeting of the People Committee on 1st July. All the committee papers can be found on the Council website,

along with a recording of the meeting.

We have asked council officers to assess the latest projections for school numbers and to continue discussions with the Department for Education. Ultimately it will be for the DfE to decide whether they want to go ahead and build the school or not, bearing in mind the views of Sutton headteachers.

We are very proud of the excellent reputation of our schools in Sutton and work closely in partnership with them to keep educational standards high. We want all our children to do well and we have always managed to ensure that there are sufficient school places for the many families who value the education that Sutton offers.

We will follow the situation closely and keep our website updated with the latest news.

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Roadside EV charging points for Sutton North

Sutton North is being included in the first round of roadside electric vehicle charging points, with points being installed in lamp posts in Rectory Road and Collingwood Road in the next two months.

Priorities are determined by demand from residents and the suitability of the lamp posts. Further details are on our website:

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KEEPING PARKS SAFE AND CLEAN



During the recent lock downs, parks and green spaces - with the wealth of wildlife and biodiversity that they support - have been key to mental and physical well-being.

We are proud of our parks and work closely with our Friends groups, joining their litter picks and events to ensure they are safe, enjoyable places to spend time.

Following wildlife attacks in Beddington Park, the Parks Enforcement and Safer Parks Team will be keeping an eye on parks, and talking to people about using parks safely and responsibly.

We are aware that the standard of grass cutting in parks and on verges has been poor. Steps are being taken to put this right and restore the standard we have agreed with the contractor.

Check out the Friends of Rosehill Parks, and Friends of Sutton Green facebook sites for information about future activities.

Your Lib Dem team - active and working all year round



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